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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, wherein detecting a tuning event includes detecting a selected channel or program.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the list of favorites comprises a schedule listing consecutive weekly programs separated by time.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, further comprising:  
auto-tuning the list of favorites without user interaction.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, wherein the list of favorites is accessible from more than one device.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, wherein the list of favorites is modified using a changing time scale as the list matures.
7. (Currently Amended) A The method of claim 1, wherein the for a broadcast system comprising:  
detecting a tuning event;  
maintaining relative statistics on one or more items related to the tuning event, the  
maintaining of the relative statistics includes preventing rollover of a count value; and  
creating automatically a list of favorites based on the maintained relative statistics.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, further comprising:  
providing an alert if an item in the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being shown.

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9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~7~~4, wherein the one or more items include a channel item, a program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~16, wherein the processor is to detect the tuning event by detecting a selected channel or program.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~16, wherein the list of favorites comprises a schedule listing consecutive weekly programs separated by time.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~16, wherein the processor is to auto-tune the list of favorites without user interaction.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~16, wherein the list of favorites is accessible from more than one device.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~16, wherein the processor is to change the list of favorites using a changing time scale as the list matures.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus of claim ~~10~~, wherein comprising:  
a memory to store relative statistics;  
a processor to detect a tuning event, to maintain the relative statistics in the memory related to the tuning event a the processor is to detect a tuning event, to maintain the relative statistics in the memory related to the tuning event by preventing rollover of a count value, and to create automatically a list of favorites based on the relative statistics in the memory.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~16, wherein the processor is to provide an alert if an item in the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being shown.

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18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~16, wherein the one or more items include a channel item, a program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~49~~25, that further provides instructions,

which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

detecting a selected channel or program.

21. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~49~~25, that further provides instructions,

which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

creating automatically the list of favorites to comprise a schedule listing consecutive weekly programs separated by time.

22. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~49~~25, that further provides instructions,

which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

auto-tuning the list of favorites without user interaction.

23. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~49~~25, that further provides instructions,

which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

providing access to the list of favorites from more than one device.

24. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~49~~25, that further provides instructions,

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which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

creating automatically the list of favorites using a changing time scale as the list matures.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ ~~The machine-readable medium of claim 19~~, that further provides instructions,

which, if executed by ~~the~~ a processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

detecting a tuning event;

maintaining relative statistics on one or more items related to the tuning event including preventing rollover of a count value; and

creating automatically a list of favorites based on the maintained relative statistics.

26. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~19~~25, that further provides instructions,

which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

providing an alert if an item in the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being shown.

27. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~19~~25, that further provides instructions,

which, if executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform the operations comprising:

maintaining relative statistics on one or more items that include a channel item, a program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) The broadcast system of claim ~~28~~34, wherein the receiver is to detect the tuning event by detecting a selected channel or program.

30. (Currently Amended) The broadcast system of claim ~~28~~34, wherein the list of favorites comprises a schedule listing consecutive weekly programs separated by time.

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31. (Currently Amended) The broadcast system of claim 2834, wherein the receiver is to auto-tune the list of favorites without user interaction.

32. (Currently Amended) The broadcast system of claim 2834, wherein the list of favorites is accessible from more than one device.

33. (Currently Amended) The broadcast system of claim 2834, wherein the receiver is to change the list of favorites using a changing time scale as the list matures.

34. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ broadcast system of claim 28, wherein the comprising:

a display;

a receiver is coupled to the display and to store relative statistics, to detect a tuning event, to maintain the relative statistics related to the tuning event, to prevent rollover of a count value, and to create automatically a list of favorites based on the relative statistics in the memory.

35. (Currently Amended) The broadcast system of claim 2834, wherein the receiver is to provide an alert if an item in the list of favorites is about to be shown or is being shown.

36. (Currently Amended) The broadcast system of claim 2834, wherein the one or more items include a channel item, a program item, an actor item, a director item, a theme item, or a category item.